

Dr. Baker is fondly remembered by the residents of Southwest Fresno as one of the few dentists who would not hesitate to care for those less fortunate who were served only by publicly funded dental programs. His goal was to ensure that people in rural areas had access to good, affordable dental care. It was this commitment to caring for the underserved which led Dr. Baker to author the initial grant request in the mid 1970's to establish the Firebaugh-Mendota Dental Clinic. Dr. Baker was also a strong supporter and advocate of the UCSF-Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, a program built to address the persistent shortage of Latino physicians in the community and amongst the medical school faculty. He helped create the dental clinic at the Valley Medical Center and was closely involved in managing and ensuring that indigent families had access to dental services there at all times.

The establishment of a scholarship in his name for entering students at the UCLA School of Dentistry demonstrates the high regard in which Dr. Baker is held. It recognizes the long and outstanding contributions he made to the dental profession and to education in the field of dentistry.

Dr. Baker was a man of great principle and integrity and continues to be a role model for our Valley's newest dental professionals. Along with the memory of his work, his scholarship will enable more dentists to help those in need, as Dr. Baker did for so long. George was my friend and a mentor during my early years in health care for our valley and the political process. His son Tim and daughter Bethany carry on this spirit of community service. It is with great pride that I posthumously honor him for all that he did on behalf of Western Fresno and congratulate him for receiving this distinguished award.

#### MARINE CORPS MARATHON CONTINUED

#### HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rose last week to share some of the heartwarming stories I heard while competing in the Marine Corps Marathon, and to pay tribute to some of the extraordinary people who participated in the Marathon. I rise today to recognize more brave souls who finished the Marine Corps Marathon and are affiliated with the Marine Corps' Congressional liaison office and the Capitol Hill Running Club: BG Michael Regner, MAJ Tom Wood, MAJ Gerald Thomas, MAJ Toby Patterson, Sgt Hector Rodriguez, Cpl Scott Caudill, 2nd Lt Ingrid Rivera, RADM Mark Ferguson III, CDR Audrey Monish, Dr. Mike Moses, Riley Scott, David Cleary, Tom Sheehy, Michael Hermann, Amy Porter, and Mark Smith.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on November 7, I was unavoidably detained and

was not able to record my vote for Rollcall #1058.

Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall #1058—"yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer the reason I missed rollcall vote Nos. 1059 through 1072 on November 7 through 8, 2007. I was down in my district attending the funeral of Sgt. Daniel L. McCall.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall vote No. 1059, H. Res. 801—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3688) to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 1060, final passage on H.R. 3688—United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 1061, H. Res. 806—Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1062, Ordering the Previous Questions on H. Res. 806 "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1063, H. Res. 806—Rule for Department of Defense Conference "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1064, final passage on H.R. 3222—Department of Defense Appropriations for FY 2008 "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 1065, Ordering the Previous Questions "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1066, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3355) to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1067, On Motion to Instruct Conferees to H.R. 3074 "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 1068, Klein Amdt. to H.R. 3355 "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 1069, Roskam Amdt. to H.R. 3355 "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1070, Roskam Amdt. to H.R. 3355, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1071, Manzullo Amdt. to H.R. 3355, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 1072, Shays Amdt. to H.R. 3355, "nay".

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably absent during rollcall votes 1061 through 1076. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 1061, "yea" on rollcall 1062, "yea" on rollcall 1063, "yea" on rollcall 1064, "yea" on rollcall 1065, "yea" on rollcall 1066, "yea" on rollcall 1067, "yea" on rollcall 1068, "nay" on rollcall 1069, "nay" on rollcall 1070, "nay" on rollcall 1071, "nay" on rollcall 1072, "nay" on rollcall 1073, "yea" on rollcall 1074, "yea" on rollcall 1075, and "nay" on rollcall 1076.

I was also unavoidably absent on October 30 for rollcalls 1018, 1019 and 1020. Had I

been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three rollcalls.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 53RD VETERANS DAY

#### HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, it was the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the guns fell silent on European battlefields, echoing the cease-fire agreement between the Allied Nations and German Forces and America's first victory in a battle for freedom in a world at war.

One year later, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed and commemorated the first Armistice Day. Thirty-five years later, this day would come to be known as Veterans Day—a day in which our Nation takes the time to recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have heeded the call to service in defense of our Nation.

Over the years, our Nation has fought many battles, on many continents, amongst many enemies, and in defense of those who cannot defend themselves. Throughout these battles, our country has seen some of our best and brightest commit the ultimate sacrifice for a cause that they believe in, a cause called freedom.

To many across the world, freedom is a work in progress, a quest toward the ability to do and say what you feel, and live in a world of peace, to provide for your family, and to live without the fear of persecution for your beliefs and ideas. As Americans, we enjoy these freedoms many others do not, because of the unyielding sacrifice made by our brave men and women in uniform who have served our Nation over the course of history to defend our liberty.

Let us take this day to remember those who have served and those who have fallen, who selflessly gave of themselves, knowing that they were protecting and representing the greatest Nation on Earth. Let us remember that it is our duty to see that our veterans have access to quality and affordable healthcare. And let us remember to always honor and recognize all veterans with the respect and admiration that they have earned.

Our veterans, as our soldiers fighting today, remain foremost in the thoughts and minds of West Virginians, and will always remain one of my top Congressional priorities. May God continue to bless all those who have returned and those who have not on this Veterans Day.

#### EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2007, FIRE IN OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, our deepest sympathies go out to the families